Querela Cantabrigiensis:

OR, A REMONSTRANCE

By way of APOLOGIE,

For the banished Members of the late flourishing UNIVERSITY

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X other S. MATTH. 10.17, 18.

Beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the Councils, and they will scourge you in their Synagogues. And yee shall be brought before Governours, &c.

Bafil, Magn, Epift. 79. Euftach. Epifc. Sebaftiz.

Καὶ ἡμῖν τοίνου σείτον σείτο τος της ζωπής ζηλωθόν εγμετο τε σερφήτε το καύχημα λέρον . Έγθουθο ώσεὶ ἄνθεωπο ἐκ ἀκέων, τὸ ἐκ ἔχων ἐν ποὶ σόματι ἀυτε ἐλείμές.

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To every indifferent Reader.

Christian Brethren, and Fellow-Subjects,

T is a memorable saying of an ancient Heathen Moralist, Cura leves loquuntur, ingentes stupent: And the like may be faid concerning forrowes; when they come once to overcharge the heart, they Stupifie it, and obstruct those passages, by which it should ease it selfe of them. This bath been our particular case: Our being deprived of our livelyboods (for how small a Trifle this ensuing Remonstrance will manifest) hath filled our hearts with forrow : But when wee considered. not onely the hand from whence this oppression cometh, (even that which pretendeth to the infallible weild of the Sword of Justice) but withall that through our sides such a fatall stroke is given to one of the most famous Universities of Christendome: this fad profpect did so farre surcharge us with griefe, that it cast me for a long time into a fit of Musing, till at last (the fire being kindled) me fpake with our tongue.

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And now that the string of our tongue is untyed, our earnest desire is, that none of these its sorrowfullex-pressions may be mis-interpreted by any. And to that end wee have presixed this advertisement, to prevent three mistakes, which are all we can possibly imagine the malice of our greatest enemies can any way phancy against this our Remonstrance.

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To which wee answer, That the reason bereof was partly to avoid todioufnesse, and therefore we gave enely some short kints in the margent. And partly because (being dispersed) wee could not possibly have the true Copies of all of them by ms. And to publish any thing that was but supposititious, could not confift with our conftant endeavour fill le maintaine the truth, netwithstanding what sever difficulties to the contrary. But yet (to prevent all mistakes as neere as we can) wee have here inserted the true Copies of such as wee had by su: whereby the indiffevent Reader will not onely gueffe at the reft, but also easily imagine what rigour and malice there was used in the execution of them, which we assure him are as much (or more) then he can possibly phancie. For they being to deale with an University, which then had a reverend esteeme over the whole Kingdome

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dome, must counterfeit Jacobs voice as much as possi-Mex- bly be could in their Orders, though their hands were farre rougher then Esaus in the execution of them. And accordingly (though now it is too apparent it was but onely in mockery) we had sent us these two following Protections.

Die Sabbati 4. Mar. 1642.

THE Earle of Holland, Chancellour of the University of L cambridge, having this day represented in the House the present condition of the faid University; The Lotds in Parliament apprehending that through the publique distractions, and by reason of great multitudes of Souldiers resorting from severall places to the Towne of Cambridge, some diflurbance might happen to the quiet and studies of the Scholars: For preventing therefore of any such mischiefe, have thought fit to declare the effeeme and care they have of that ancient and noble Seminary of Learning; And have accordingly Ordered, That no person or persons whatloever, shall presume to offer any outrage or violence either by themselves or others unto any the Colledges, Chappels, Libraries, Schooles, or other buildings belonging to the faid University, or to any the Scholars or publique Ministers thereof: Nor plunder, purloyne, deface, spoyle, or take away any the Bookes, goods, chattels, or houtholdstuffe of or belonging to the said University, or any Colledge there, or to any Scholar or publique Minister thereof, under any colour or pretence what loever, as they will answer the contrary to this House at their utmost perils. And that Divine Service may be quietly performed and executed throughout all the faid University according to the fettlement of the Church of England, without any trouble, let, or disturbance, untill the pleasure of the Parliment be further fignified, Provided nevertheleffe that this

Protection shall not extend to stop any due course of Law, or proceeding of Parilament, that may or might have had its course if this Protection had not been granted. And herein ready obedience is to be given by all such whom this doth or may concerne, as they will answer the contrary at their perils.

Jo. Browne Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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These are to will, require, and command you, and every of you, to forbeare (under any pretence whatsoever) to prejudice or offer any dammage to the University of Cambridge, or to any the Schooles, Colledges, Halls, Libraries, Chappels, or other places belonging to the said University, by plundering the same or any part thereof in any kind whatsoever. Hereof faile not as you will answer the contrary at your perils. Given under my hand and seale the 7. day of March, 1642.

To all Colonels, Lieuzenant-Colonels, Captaines, and all other officers and souldiers of the Army under my command.

These indeed were our Protestions, but they were blaked in the bad by this following Warrant.

Papirts, Malignants, and other persons what soever, that have or shall refuse to appeare at Musters, or to contribute according to the Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, or result to enter into the Association: Anito seize upon all such Horses, Armes, and Ammunition, as shall be found in their custodies, and to apprehend their said persons, and them to be brought before mee, or any one of the Deputy-Lievtenants of the County: and in case of Resistance, to force the same, Commanding all Mayors, Sheriftes,

riffes, Captaines, Trained-Bands, and other inferiour Officers whatfoever, to be aiding and affifting to Colonel Coke herein- Dated Feb. 23. 1 6 4 2.

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To Col. Coke, Lieutenant-Col. Brildon, or any other of his Officers.

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This Warrant was iffued out the more fuddenly, and profecuted the more violently, in regard that our Protections were then in procuring: But the rigorous prosecution of this, made those to be of little or no use, more then the name, unlesse it was to short the Stable doore after the Steed was Stolne. For under pretence of Papists, Malignants, de. there was scarce a Scholar in all the University which escaped examination: And left our Colledge-Chappels, Libraries, or Treasuries, or even the privatest Cabinet therein, or in any of our Chambers or Studies, should (perchance) have been converted into Stables for Horles, or Magazines for Armes and Ammunition , they fearebed them all fo Brittly , and plandered them all so throughly, that nothing which they liked escaped their fingers, our ancient Coynes not excepted.

When wee had seen their unparallel'd rigour herein, and how wee were sleighted when wee admitted our just Complaints against it, wee did not much regard whether they had any Commission or not for whatsoever they did to us afterward. But like Christiau sufferers, when they took our cloaks, we forbade

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them not to take our coats also: and when they tooke our goods, wee asked them not againe. For wee did plainty see that wee were destinated to raine, and that all these were but previous dispositions, to take us downe and sit us for the great stroke, when they should please to lay it upon m. And therefore (amitting all the rest, though wee could insert some) wee shall here onely adde two other Warrants, mentioned bereasser: The one their generall Summons, the other their first forme of their Writs of Ejettion.

These are to will and require you upon fight hereos, to give speedy advertisement, viu media of madis, to Matter, Fellowes, Scholars, and Officers of your Colledge, to be resident in your faid Colledge the 10. day of March next ensuing, to give an account wherein they shall be required, and to answer such things as may be demanded by me, or such Commissioners as I shall appoint. Given under my hand and seale the 26. of Feb. 1643.

E.Manchefter.

To the Prefident or Locum tenens of Colledge.

BY vertue of an Ordinance of Parliament, emittuled, An Ordinance for regulating the university of Cambridge, and the removing of Scandalous Ministers in the seven Associated Counties; giving me likewise power to eject such Masters of Colledges as are scandalous in their lives or do drines, or doe oppose the proceedings of Parliament: I doe eject from being Master of Colledge in Cambridge, for opposing the proceedings of Parliament, and * other scandalous acts in the University

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of Cambridge. And I require you to sequester the Profits of his Mastership for one that I shall appoint in his place; and to cut his name out of the Butteries, and to certific me of this your act within one day. Given under my hand and seale the 13. of March 1643.

E. Manche fer.

To the President and Fellowes of Colledge in Cambridge.

This, wee hope, will fatisfie the indifferent Reader concerning the truth and ground of our Sufferings.

[1]. But lest a second mistake should arise, That (supposing them to be true, yet) they are not (perbaps) so great as we pretend, because that for the most part wee have given but a sleight glance at them; wee held it very requisite to give thu further

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1. That in matters of this nature, a man ought not to macerate his foule too much by reflecting on his owne mifery, lest the devil thereby get an advantage upon him, to tempt him to a melanchely despaire. 2. Though wee defire hereby to move every compassionate Christian to a fellow-seeling of our miseries; yet have wee endeavoured (as much as we could) to forbeare the long insisting upon particulars, lest wee should offend his eares instead of moving his compassion. For as in Musique, the harshnesse of a descord may be omitted, if it he not too long produced; so have wee studied to temper these harsh notes to the tender care of the Christian Audier,

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diter, by making a speedy transition from one to anetier. 3. We had so many matters of complaint, (and might have had many more, if wee had been all together to conferre our sufferings) that this small remonstrance would have swelled to (an Iliada malorum) a just Volumne, if we had not purposely endeavoured to comprise an Ilias in a Nutshell, by instancing onely in some, and reducing those to a small a modell as possibly we could. And to this end also wee have used as much plainnesse of speech in our expressions, as ingeniousnesse of the truth of the thing it selfe. And indeed if wee should but a little have indulged our penne the liberty of a Rhetoricall slowish, wee should thereby have made our sufferings (which in themselves are almost beyond beliefe) to have seemed altogether incredible.

III. But our greatest and last feare is, least the intollerable weight of those heavy pressures under which wee have so long grouned, have (perhaps) exterted from us some expressions which may not seem altogether to become persecuted Christians. And in this we submit our selves whose to the candour of the charitable Reader, desiring him to interpret all things in the best sense. For though wee have used our endeavours to avoid all manner of expressions which might seeme to savour of malice, yet carrying about us those passions which accompany siesh and blood, it is impossible but wee should somtimes slip.

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Wee know very well, and acknowledge, that Prayers and teares are the onely defensive weapons of a Christan against persecutions: And if any thing, which is not fully consonant bereunto, bath passed from our pen, wee desire it may be imputed to out many infirmities; seeing we are still ready to pray for our Persecutors, that God would open their eyes, that they may jet see and repent of those many and great wrongs which they have done to him, his true Religion and Service, to his Annointed our gracious Soveraigne, as also to us in particular, and other their fellow-subjetts. Which if it would please him to grant unto them, wee might quickly recover the temporal peace of this distracted Kingdome; and they the possibility of enjoying everlasting peace in the Kingdome of Heaven.

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I PRT. 4. 16.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorifie God on this behalf.

A c T. 5. 41.

They departed from the presence of the Councill, rejoycing that they were sounted worthy to suffer shame for his Name.

JOHN 16. 33.

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheere, I have overcome the world.

Aug. in Pfal. 93.

Boni laborant quia flagellantur ut filii: mali exultant quia damnantur ut alieni.

Idem in Pfal. 125.

Sicut qui seminat per hyemem non deterretur ab opere propter hyemem: Sic & nos pressura mundi non debemus à bono opere deterreri, quia qui seminant in lachrymis, in gaudio metent.

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O R,
The Universities Complaint.

Hough an Apology for our long filence might better become us then any other forme of Prefacing, yet were there some that thought it better to fit downe in the shade of coole patience, and Sweeten the fad prospect of our owne miseries, by reflecting on the great publike woes of this Kingdome, then incurre the suspicion of querelous natures, such as are apt to cry out onely at the imagination of being hurt. But feeing our miseries are reall, and our sufferings not so much intended against us, as against that famous University, whereof by right, wee are fill actuall members; And that the adverse party, hath hitherto made so much advantage of our tamenesse, as to steal away our livelyhood from us, and conceale the Theft: though our owne Mothers mouth be stopped, by violently seizing her presse, and thereby not fuffered to speake, but (like Apollo's Statue of old) just as the evill spirit speakes in her, which at this time utters little elfe but difloyalty and Rebellion: yet feeing it hath pleased the hand of providence to give us this happy opportunity freely to bewaile our owne miseries; We are at length resolved to doe Justice to these Mens iniquity and our owne innocence, that our Fellow-Subjects may know. (and if they leave fo much learning as to speak in another language, the whole world may hereafter understand) how, and by what Asis the Knipperdullings of this Age (who UNIVERSITY think

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thinke shortly to make themselves Kings of this Sion) have reduced a glorious and renowned University, almost to a meere Munster, and have done more, in less then three yeers, then the Apostate Julian could effect in all his raigne, wix, broken the heart-strings of Learning and Learned men, and thereby luxated all the joynts of Christianity in this Kingdome.

The particulars whereof, and the barbarous courses taken to bring these designes to effect, as we shall truly and impartially set them downe, so we feare not to appeale to any impartiall judge, whether if the Goths and Vandalls, or even the Turks themselves, had over-run this Nation, they would more inhumanely have abused a flourishing University, then these pretended advancers of Religion and Learning have done; it being a constant custome (if not also the law of Nations) in the stereoft encounters of the most enraged parties, to exempt and priviledge Scholars from, if not protect them

by their Martiall proceedings.

To begin therefore with the first occasion, (as wee conceive) from whence they pretended any cause of this rage and perfecution against us, (though the meere conscience of so senselie a Rebellion cryed up onely by the illiterate herd, might afford reason enough for them to look asquint upon all Scholars qua tales) The contribution of a small pittance of money to our Soveraignes extream necessity before any Warre was thought on by us, is made to be our impardonable crime, (though not then prohibited by any Order or Ordinance) which (added to the tendernesse of our consciences in resulting their wicked consederacie, commonly called the Covenant) by the help of their Legislative engine, has bereaved us of all, and cast us from our livelyhoods, maintenance and Colledges,

For when His Sacred Majesty (whom they made to be the first Grand Delinquent, and whose Crowne-Revenues and Estate, together with His Townes, Ships, and Magazines; they sequestred and seized on) daigned (by His

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Royall Letters to acquaint his poore University with his ftrange wants, even of fustenance for his very houshold: Our hearts burned within us, to heare our living Founder, whom we expected to be made (by that time) a great and glorious King, (as was promifed him) should almost starve while we had bread on our Table. Whereupon out of our poverty, a small and inconsiderable summe of money was collected and tendered, as a Testimony not onely of our Loyalty to him as King, or of our gratitude as our most gracious and bountifull Protector and Benefactor; but al-To of our Charity to him as a Christian, then in extreame want and necessity. Wee hope our Persecutors will pardon us this expression, seeing our Metaphysicks may with lesse danger of Treason abstract Charles from King, then their bullets; And this was the first flower out of which they fuckt all that venome which shortly after they disgorged upon us.

Hereupon His Sacred Majesty (knowing well how eager that partie was in revenging the least seeming provocation, and being informed of that Cloud which was then hanging over us and ours, for that action of Humanity, Loyalty, and Christianity) out of His care and tendernesse, proffered to secure our Colledge plate (if wee were content to deposit it in his hands) which their intended Revenge, had already swallowed without any Grace, so much as of the Publick Faith: and therefore wrot his most gracious Letters to us to take an exact survey of it, not only for the weight, but also of the forme of every piece, together with the Names, Armes, and Mottoes of the respective Donors, that if (perhaps) his Majesty could not preserve it intire as it was, he might restore it hereaster in the same weight and forme, and with the same markes: All which he gracionsly

infured upon his Royall word.

It behoved not us to refuse protection from that hand to which God (for that end) had entrusted a Scepter, especially considering the concurrence of Actions about that that time. It is not unknowne to most part of this Kingdome, that not long before this, the zealous Brethren of tl Effex and Suffolke had packt themselves together in a religious rout, to give the first Eslay of a Popular Reformation: How happily this work did thrive in their hands, has been already published to the Kingdome, and the ruines of the two magnificent houses of the Counteffe Rivers in th

(with many other gentlemens houses of quality) are ftill dismall witnesses. So that (having Vid. Mercur. found the fweet of their labours) the Refor-Ruftic. 2. mers would in all likelyhood have profecuted

the great work as farre as Cambridge, for a leffe prize then our University-place, (thanks be to God and our good Benefactors.) And we had good reason to fear the increase of their Army, if they had come neer us, feeing the inferiour part of the Town had provided Arms, and yet had no Commanders; and I me that durft discharge a Musquet , made it their pra-Eice to terrifie us, and diffurb our fludies by shooting in at

our windows. And therefore left This particular appeareth by our Place should become a bait a paper delivered into the to have our Libraries rifled, our Registers Office, under the Colledges pulled down, and perbands (if not also upon the haps out throats cut, we thought Dathes) of Mofter Christo- it our wifest course to secure all,

oher Terne, and Mr. An- by fecuring that in His Majesties thony Walker, both of St. gracious hands. Johns Colledge, who bad Upon these reasons (which no

Musquets severall times judicious man will esteem otherdischarged in at their win- wile then weighty) we endeavoudowes as also divers or red to convey away some part of thers. our Plate about the beginning of August, 1642. (which by the way

was before either His Majesties Standard was erected, or His Proclamation iffued out to that end : However many of us, and others have fuffered for it, as fomenters of this Warre.) But within a few dayes after, (fee how the just

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grounds of our feares concentrated) one Master Cromwell, Burgeffe for the Towne of Cambridge, and then newly turn'd a Man of Warre, was fent downe by his Masters above, at the invitation of his Masters below, (as himselfe confessed) to gather what strength hee could to stop all passages that no Plate might be sent: But his designes being frustrated, and his opinion as of an active subtile man, thereby somewhat shaken and endangered, hee hathever fince bent himselfe to worke what revenge and mischiefe he could against us. In pursuit whereof, before that month was expired, downe he comes againe in a rerrible manner uted with what Forces he could draw together, and furrounds divers Colledges, while we were at our devotion in our feverall Chappels, taking away Prisoners, severall Doctors of their Divinity, Heads of Coiledges, viz. D. Beale Master of S. rt of John's Colledge, D. Martin Master of Queens Col. and D. Sterne Master of Jesus Col. men of such eminent worth and abilities, as render them above the reach of our commendation, and these he carryes with him to London in triumph: And though there was an expresse Order from the Lords House for their imprisonment in the Tower, which met them at Tottenham-High croffe, (wherein notwithstanding there was no Crime expressed) yet were they led captive through Bartholomew Faire, and to as farre as Temple-Bar, and back through the City to prison in the Tower, on purpose that they might be houted at, or stoned by the rabble-rout.

Since which time, now above three yeares together they h no have been hurried up and downe from one prison to anotherther at excessive and unreasonable charges, and sees exa-Youded from them, farre beyond their abilties to defray, hart of ving all their goods plundered, and their Masterships and ng of Livings taken from them, which should preserve them Way from familhing. And though in all this time there was ned, or ver any accusation brought, much lesse proved against any of them; yet have they suffered intolerable imprisonment over fince, both by Land and Water, especially that in

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the Ship, where for ten dayes together, they (with many other Gentlemen of great rank) were kept under deck, without liberty to come to breath in the common aire, or to ease nature, except at the courtesse of the rude Saylors, which oftenines was denyed them. In which condition, they were more like Gally-slaves, then free borne Subjects, and men of such quality and condition; and had been so indeed, might some have had their wills, who were bar-

Alex. Rigby the Lawyer. Vide Declar. of the Parl. at Oxf. March 19.

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gaining with the Merchants to fell them to Argiers, or as bad a place, as hath been fince notorioufly knowne upon no false or fraudulent information.

And now that we are mentioning our Reverend and worthy Heads of Houses, we may not omit, what our long exile from the faid University will not fuffer us otherwise then by certaine Report to be apprehensive of : Namely, that a very great number of them are fince in the same condition with us, that is, deprived of all, and banished: Particularly, the Right Reverend Father in God, the Lord Bishop of Exeter, against whom their malice could invent no more then that he was a Bishop, nor pretend any thing, but that, being Vice-chancellour, hee did according to his office preach a learned and pious Sermon in Saint Maries, March 27. 1645. being the day of His Majesties most happy inauguration. To whom wee may adde that most reverend and Jearned man, Doctor Collins, His Majesties Professor of Divinity, whose extraordinary worth and paines had continued him in that place almost thirty yeares, and made his name famous, and his person desirable in every Protestant University in Christendome: And yet his Loyaltie and conscience caused our new pretended Reformers to think him unworthy fo much as of a Countrey Cure, (for they fequefired likewise both his Livings) though fince, as wee heare, they have restored him to his Professors place, which none of them are able to discharge, and he living in their Quar-

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ters, durst not deny. Thus likewise have Doctor Comber. D.Pask, D. Cofin, and D. Lany, been deprived of their feverall Masterships and Livings, and some of them also plundered of their goods, though all of them be very eminent for their Learning, Prudence, Judgement and Piety, among all that know them, and have no prejudice of them. And for conclusion (as the epitome of all) wee adde D. Holdsworth, whose universall approbation put him upthe troublesome office of Vice-chancellour-ship for three yeares together in the beginning of these troubles; yet before his Trienniall office was expired, his person was seized upon and imprisoned, first in Ely-house, then (because they thought that was not expensive enough, though they had plundered him of all) they thrust him into the Tower, onely for his Loyaltie in feeing His Majesties Commands executed for the printing of fuch Declarations at Cambridge, as were formerly printed at York; which though the Committees before which he appeared have alwaies obje feed against him as Licensing the Kings Books, yet hath hee ever denyed it, (for the manner, though not for the matter) professing himselfe before them, not to be so sawcy as to offer to License any thing which His Majesty commanded to be printed : but yet still enjoyning the Printer (as he would answer the contrary at his perill) that the thing might be performed according to His Majesties Command.

And that the whole Body of the University might fare no better then the Heads; not long after the carrying up of the sirst three, they gave us an Argument of a sad presage. What was like to become of that ancient and samous Seminry of Learning and Religion, when those Root-and-Branch-men chose that place for the prime Garrison and Ransezvouz of their Association? whereby the subtile Enginiers of the great pretended worke of Reformation hoped not so much to gaine security to their disloyall actions by any fortifications of that Towne, (which it never was capable of, as now plainly appeares) as some countenance.

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and authority rather (which they had more need of) from the facted name of an University to be listed Theirs. By this meanes instead of carrying us all to London Gaoles, (thanks be to our multitude, not their mercy) they found a device to convey a Prison to us, and under colour of Fortification confin'd us onely in a larger inclosure, not suffering any Scholars to passe out of the Towne, unliste some Townesman of their Tribe would promise for him that he was a Consider, as they call it.

And after this intrenchment for almost two yeares together, (wee are forced with unip akable griefe of mind to think) what prophanations, violence, outrages and wrongs our Chappels, Colledges and Persons have suffered by the uncontrolled sury of rude Souldiers, notwithstanding two severall protections to the contrary, one from the House of Peeres, the other from the Generalismo the Earle of Estex. It is grievous to our memories to recount, how our Vice-chancellour and Heids of Colledges solemnly affembled in Consistory, being many of them threescore yeares old and upward, were kept Prisoners in the Publique Schooles

On Good Friday, Mar.30.

in an exceeding cold night till midnight, without any accommodations for food, firing or lodging; and for no other reason, but onely because they could not in conscience comply or contribute any thing

to this detestable Warre against his Majesty: Yet they, notwithstanding all terrours and ill usage the day following this their untriforment, did constantly and unanimously avouch and decla e before the then Gonerall of the Association, That it was against time Religion and good Conscience for any to contribute to the Parliament in this warre. Whereupon our Learned and Reverend Professor, two of Divinity, and one of the Law, the very Junior whereof (as well as the other two) had faithfully discharged his place almost so long as that by the Imperial Lawes (his owne profession) ever since Valens the Emperour, he might

might have challenged to have been * Comes Imperii; yet all the encouragement any of them could get from these was, *Imperator Valens Gramperpetually to be harrowed by maticos, Sophistas, Legum Plundering and tedious im- Professores, qui per viginprisonment to betray their ti annos probe munere do-Loialty, Learning, and Con- cendi functi funt, ennumesciences to the advancement rari & bonorari cum is, of this present Rebellion, till qui ex vicaria fint princiat last that Reverend man pis dignitate jubet & inwhom Posterity will honour ter Comites. Greg. The-(henceforth as much for his loffan. Syntag. lib. 19. c. 1. Loyaltie as his Learning) 6. 8 ubi citat l. um de Doctor Samuel Ward (a man Professor. qui in urbe Con-

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led faries in this Cause) took the wings of a dove to flye away ble and be at rest: whose dying words (as if the cause of his les Martyrdome had been written in golden letters upon his it, heart) were breathed up to heaven with his parting foule, G-

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GOD BLESSE THE KING.

And though the grave resolutions of all the Reverend Profesfors of Divinity and Law in so famous an University ought to be more facred and powerfull with them then the noise of their new Teachers and obstreperous American Lay-Ledurers, yet they are not ashamed, after all these (upon mature deliberation and confultation with the rest of the Learned men of that famous University) have publiquely and unanimously declared their proceedings to be flatly contrary to Christian Religion and Lya'ty, (and have stood therein even to imprisonment and death) to perswade the filly abused multi ude, that all is for the Defence of His Majefty, and the Protestant Religion.

Neither is their wild fury confinable within those banks, it swels yet higher: for as the Tyrant wished that Rome had

had but one neck, that hee might cut it off at one ftroke; fo these having got the opportunity, imprisoned the whole University, March 22, 1643. Which day the whole Senate, (the Representative Body of it) being solemnly assembled in the Regent House, were there violently invironed with great Bands of Armed Souldiers, who wanted nothing but the Word to dispatch us, because wee would not vote in a matter as they would have us, though that matter did not any whit concerne them or their Cause, more then the conferring of a Degree upon such a man as the whole University in their consciences judged unworthy of it : And one Master Danes, (Generall of that famous Expedition, but formerly a member of that House which he then so abufed) adding Perjury to his former finnes, came in a terrible manner, (contrary to his Oath formerly taken to his Mother the University) and flatly denied the Vice-chancellour leave to diffolve the Congregation, unlesse hee would first promise that the matter thould be voted, as they required : Whereupon fundry Members of that Senate, being observed to make use of that Statute-liberty and Freedome, which was effectiall to that Affemblie, were forthwith feized on, and imprisoned by the Committee, in no better Lodgings then the common Court of Guard. Which strange and violent perverting of our Universities proceedings, wee wondred at the leffe, for that this Captaine had not done more to us, then Captaine Ven with his Raggamuffins had done formerly to the facred Senate of the mbole Kingdome. And that all Academicall Exercises might expire, and so

the face of an University be quite taken away, a grave Divine (the Lady Margarets Publique Preacher) going to Preach Ad Clerum, (according to his office) pridic Termini, was succording pursued over the market place by a confused number of Souldiers, who in a barbarous uncivill manner cryed out, A Pope, A Pope, and vowed high revenge if he offered

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oke: to goe into the Pulpit; whereupon the Church was flraightphole wayes filled with great multitudes, and when fome who accompanyed the Preacher, told them, It was an univernate. fity Exercise, and to be by Statute performed in Latine, they bled replyed. They knew no reason why all Sermons should not be with performed in English, that all might be edified, threatning g but withalt to teare the Hoods and Habits which Graduates then in a wore, according to the University Statute. Yet all this may not the perhaps be extenuated as a fudden uproare of undifciplined Souldiers, but (which is the aggravation of all, and makes hole us beleeve that these petry Reformers were but the senslesse And instruments of higher Agents) when all this was related to their then Generall of the Affociation, no course was taken at all to prevent thele growing mif- Lord Gray chiefes, but the Divine appointed by Statute to preach ad Clerum, was inforced to returne Re in-

fetta, and glad he could escape so: And this is the great protection which Learning is like to find from these grand pre-

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And that Religion might fare no better then Learning in the University Church, (for perhaps it may be Idolatry now to call it Saint Maries) in the presence of the then Generall our Common Prayer-Book was torne Se the

before our faces, notwithstanding our Protection from the House of Peeres for the free use of it, fome (now great one) encouraging them

in it, and openly rebuking the University Clerk. M. Cromwho complained of it before his Souldiers. Thus well.

those Reverend Fa.hers, the Compilers of it,

who fealed the truth thereof with their dearest bloud, being content to burne at a flake for the light of the Gospel, are now this fecond time martyred and torne in pieces in their Liturgie, yet all this under presence of Religion.

It will not be strange now to hear how our persons have been abused, seeing Religion and Learning have suffered

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fo deeply among it us: how divers of us have been imprifoned without fo much as pretending any cause, but snatcht up in the streets, and throwne into prison at the pleasure

fordan. of a small sneaking Captaine, where wee have

much as accused, much lesse heard, but quite and cleane forgotien, as if there had been no such thing in nature. How some of us (and many others with us) have been thrust out of bed in the night, that our Chambers might

forthwith be converted in o Prison Lodgings: How our young Scholars with terrour have been commanded to accuse and
cut out the names of their owne Tutors, and

fome of them throwne into prison for not being old enough

* So was Joh.

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to take their Covenant * : But (to passe higher) how often have our Colledges been beset, and broken open, and Guards thrust into them somtimes at midnight, while were asseep in our beds? How often our Li-

braries and Treasuries ransackt and rifled, not sparing so

much as our auncient *Coynes?

* So at Saint Johns Colledge,
which those that know any
thing, know to be a great
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mons which our Founders and Benefactors allotted for our sustenance, been taken from off our Tables by the wanton Soldier? How often have our Rents been extorted from our Tenants, or if received, remanded of our Burfars and Stewards, and by force taken from them? and all this under the old odious title of Plundering, which word though they cannot endure to heare of, since that new terms of Sequestration was invented; yet the thing is the same, and more practifed then ever, they having for above two yeares together set themselves upon little else then to

feize and take away our goods and furniture belonging to our Chambers, prizing and selling away our Books at a tenth part of their value, which are our onely tooles and instruments whereby the trade and profession of Learning should be holden up. And to this end they have constituted a decay'd Hatter, Plunder-Master Generall, who (together with a Conventicling Barber and a Considing Tayler) bath full C mmission, for our propriety sake, to Lord over us, and dispose of our goods as they please: So despicable a thing to them is an University, or any that belong

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But their malice is unsatiable, and cannot be contained within the Line of their Fortifications, and therefore to propagate their owne wickednesse, and make us odious and abominable to the whole Country, as wee were already (though most undeservedly) to some of themselves, they have invented a pretty device to reserve out of their plunder all forts of pictures, were they but paper prints of the twelve Apostles, and every market-day to burne them openly in the market-place, proclaiming them the Popils Idols of the University, untill wee became so hated by the weaker sort of the deceived people, that a Scholar could have small security from being stoned or affronted as he walkt the streets.

But why doe wee infift so long upon particular mens plundering, when whole Colledges (wherein not onely the present, but also the stuture propagation of Religion and Learning is concerned) have drunke so deeply the dregs of their malice? For besides the cutting down of our Walks and Orchards, (contrary to their own Generalissimo's Orders of Warre) they have cut downethe Woods and Groves belonging to our Colledges, and So at Fesold them before our eyes to a great value, when surface they were declared not Sequestrable: And (which was likewise contrary to an Order)

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they have feized and taken away the Materials of our intended buildings, to the worth of three or four hundred bounds in Timber, which our pious and charitable Benefa-

Rors had out of their devotion conferred towards the re-edifying of an ancient Colledge which Time had impaired: And, to shew

what violent passions they are transported withall, they have

pulled down, demolished and defaced five or fix faire Bridges of Stone and Timber belonging to feverall Colledges, and have fipoyled a goodly Walk with a new Gate at Queenes.

* Kings coll. pretence of keeping out Cavaliers, and yet for forty shillings they would faine have been hired to spare it, and cast up a Work beyond. And let the world judge whether this was not done to get the countenance of a Contribution from a Colledge to their Fortiscations, and consequently to this Warre against the

King.

But (as if Bridges and materials for Buildings were nothing) they have yet proceeded further, even to the very

S. Johns Coll. S. Johns Coll. ledges in our University, which they plundered the true owners of, for above fixteen

moneths together, as an especiall argument of their love to Learning, and have converted all the old Court thereof into a Prison for His Majesties Loyall Subjects, (which before the other was built, has contained above three hundred Students at a time) not suffering any whom it concerned to remove any bedding or other goods, whereof the Gaoler could make any use or benefit, but renting them all out together with the Chambers at above five hundred pounds per An.

And as if spoyling of one Colledge were not enough, their malice has fince extended it selfe to all the rest, in Quartering multitudes of Common Souldiers in those glorious

rious and ancient Structures, which our devout and Royall Founders defigned for Sanctuaries of Learning and Pierys but were made by them meere Spittles and Bawdy-houses for fick and debauched Souldiers, being filled with Queans, Drabs, Fidulers, and Revels night and day. Which black deeds of darknelle being divers times complained of by us to their Officers, and the particular men thewed them, who had thus lewdly abused our Colledges, none Pembr. Hall. of these new Reformers were ever punishe, nor

the holy Sisters removed, nor so much as called before any that then bore rule among us. By which meanes, (fee what Religion they fight for, and what a glorious Reformation we may expect) they have dishonoured God, countenanced lewdnesse, scandalized modest and civill men, and driven from us, or poyloned among us, those young

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To this we may adde, how they have torne and defaced those Reverend buildings, pull'd down and burned the Wainscot of our Chambers, our Bed-steads, Chaires, Stools, Tables, and Shelves for our Books, fo as they may now have some plea for multiplying of Gaoles, if the Liberty of the Subject shall so require. And when their ragged Regiments which had lyen lowzing before Crowland nigh a fortnight, were commanded to Cambridge, forthwith the Colledges are appointed for their Kennels, and fourfcore were turned loofe into one of the least Halls in the University, and charged by their Of-Pembr. Hall.

ficers to shift for themselves; who without

any more ado, broke open the Fellowes and Scholars Chambers, and took their Beds from under them. But when the Kings Prisoners taken at Hillden-house were brought famished and naked in triumph by Cambridge to London, some of our Scholars were knockt down in the streets, only for offering them a cup of small beere to sustain nature, and the drinke throwne in the kennell, rather then the famished and parched throats of the wicked, as they effeem d them, should ulurp usurp one drop of the creature. And it is much to be feared, they would have starved them in prison there, if a valiant Chamber-maid had not relieved them by force, trampling under her seet in the kennell their great persecuter, a Lubberly Scotch Major.

What should wee mention moreover, how we have been over-whelmed with insupportable Taxes extorted from us by plundering, feffed not by any of our owne Body, but (which is directly contrary to our established priviledges) by the Arbitration of a few confiding Aldermen, our profeffed Enemies, who, instead of that gratitude which very nature requires at their hands, now repay us with unfatiable malice and Envy; which property of theirs have fince commended and qualified them to be appointed Commissioners and Judges to ftrip us of our Estates and Livelyhoods. And when neither our Consciences nor Estates could extend any further to defray their imposts for our very Chambers (which their Soldiers then possessed and burnt) besides all excises, weekly paiments, Taxes, fift and twentieth part, upon all our Revenews, and other fuch new termes of property and libertie, all the favour we can expect from them, is, quietly to be thrust into prison without further abusings.

And although all these are but sad Theames to be thus farre inlarged and dilated upon, yet they thinke they can stop the noise of all these just complaints with their usuall grinning objection, that small of our Students are in the Kings Army: making that to be their crime, to which if their owne innate Loyaltie did not draw them, yet their haughty and heathenish usage would of necessity drive them: For who had not rather fall upon the bed of honour, and aftert with his dearest blood, his Religion, Loyaltie, and Liberty, then live a flave under them, to set his surviving soor steps upon the graves and assess of expired Loy-

Or, The Universities Complaint.

Loyaltie, Nobility, Gentry, Clergie, and Civility it

felfe ?

And now to tell how they have prophaned and abused our severall Chappels; though our pens flowed as fast with vineger and gall, as our eyes doe with teares, yet were it impossible sufficiently to be expressed: when as multitudes of enraged Souldiers (let loofe to reforme) have torne downe all carved worke, not respecting the very Monuments of the dead: And have ruined a beautifull carved ftructure in the universitie Church (though indeed that was not done without direction from a great one, as appeared after upon complaint, made to M. Cromwell. him) which flood us in a great fumme of money, and had not one jot of Imagery or statue worke about it. And when that Reverend man the then Vice-Chancelour told them mildly, D. Ward.

That they might be better imployed, they retur-

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ned him such Language, as we are asham'd here to express. Nor was it any whit strange to find whole Bands of Soldiers training and excercifing in the Royall Chappell of King Henry the fixth: Nay even the Commanders themselves (being commanded to shew their Kings new Major Generall * how well they understood their trade) chose that place to trayne in, (whether in policy to conceale their My-* Crawford sterie, or out of feare to betray their ignorance, or on purpose to shew their Soldiers how little Gods house was to be regarded, let the world conjecture.) And one who calls himselfe John Dowsing, and by vertue of a pretended Commission goes about the Country like a Bedlam, breaking gloffe windowes, having battered and beaten downe all our painted glaffe, not only in our Chappels. but (contrary to Order) in our publique Schools, Colledge Halls , Libraries, and Chambers, mi-See the staking perhaps the Liberall Artes for Saints (with Pref.

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they in end in time to pull down too) and having

(against an Order) defaced and digged up the floors of our Chappels, many of which had lien so for two or three hundred yeares together, not regarding the dust of our founders and predecessors, who likely were buried there; compelled us by armed Souldiers to pay forty shillings a Colledge for not mending what hee had spoyled and defaced, or forthwith to goe to Prison: We shall need to use no more instances then these two, to shew that neither place, person nor

* Master Pawlon of Sidney Colledge, though since bee hath proved himselfe an arrant honest man, and is rewarded for it with a Fellowship in S. Johns.

thing, hath any reverence, or respect amongst them.

* A fellow of one of our Colledges was violently pluckt from the Communion, as hee was ready to receive that holy Sacrament before the solemne Election

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of a Mafter of that Colledge, and thrown into Gaole; to the great diffurbance of the Election: And at another

* Colledge the Communion-Plate was most fa-

* S. Johns. crilegiously seized upon and taken away from the very Communion Table, notwithstanding

it was (upon a former Plunder) restored to the said Colledge by an Order from the Close Committee of the 18 of September, 1643. under the hands of the Earle of Pembrooke, Earle of Denbigh, Lord Say, Lord Howard, Sir William Wal-

ler, and Mafter Pym.

And yet all these actions of theirs were but preparatory Pils to dispose our whole Body for its finall purge of Reformation, when ever they should please to think it sick of us: And that is this last act, which is none of the least arguments of this our sad complaint. For although wee were seldome in any freedome for any time neere these three yeares from some Protestation, Oath. Association, Vow and Covenant, eye, menaced upon us, yet this last onely brought with it the stall doome of our sinall extirpation: though wee must have leave to wonder that all Liberty of Conscience should

should be denied us by them, who lately pleaded nothing else against the established Ecclesiasticall lawes, and now pretend partly to fight for the same: But indeed the Covenant was not the true cause but the pretence enely for our Esclien, (for that is the word of Art, for this newly invented Mystery) as appeares by severall writs issued out under hand and scale without mention of resisting the Covenant. The thing was absolutely determined by a peremptory decree, to plant a new University for propagating at least, if not inventing a new Resiston: And to that end the Old one must be removed, at least so much of it, for the present, as might hinder this great designe; onely some meanes and plausible pretences were yet wanting.

The first that was attempted was to summon all those that were absent to return within ten dayes. But then they were so far to seek for reasons of Ejection, as that after almost halfeten dayes more study all they could insert in their

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the university: Their tongues thereby testifying their mindes, though perhaps out of incogitancy, which are fo furiously set upon their great worke of Reformation as to punish the opposing of Scandalous Actions, with the loffe of all a mans livelyhood. Whether they were afhamed of the phrase or not, we know not; but they had very good reason to be ashamed of the A&, being so different from all shew of Justice, as to enjoyne impossibilities in commanding men to returne within twelve dayes, after iffuing the fummons, which at that time were above two hundred miles distant, and had two Armies to passe through all the waies : or enjoyning them to be resident at Cambridge, whom themselves at the same time kept fast prisoners at London : And yet for non appearance, for no man knowes any other cause, these must be eje-Acd.

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referve, their Solemne League and Covenant, which comming from their deare Brethren of Scotland, they thinke no penalty too great for refufall of it: Andthis, because it carries in its frontispice a pretence of Reformation, comes not alone, but (though without any visible Order) accompanied with a new Legislative fangle called An Oath of difcovery, but indeed was an Oath of Treachery, a wild unlimited devife to call whom they would before them, and make them accuse their nearest and dearest Friends, Benefactors, Tutors, and Mastets, and betray the Members and Ads of their feverall Societies, manifestly contrary to our Peaceable Statutes formerly fworne unto by us, which provide against all faction and sedition, which these men only hunt after, [Viz. Non revelabis aliqued fecretum Collegii; Non malum aut damnum inferes Collegio aut cuilibet Sociorum: 1 And apparently reviving the Oath Ex Offishio, (as their Commissioners spell it) abolished this present Parliament. to accuse our selves: For what is it else to accuse our owne Societies and Corporations, whereof our selves are parts and members?

And shough wee would not any whit derogate from the Oath Ex Officio as it is used this day in most Christian Kingdomes and Common-wealths, nay even in Scotland and Geneva, and may be of excellent use, if not stretched beyond the due limits of Law: yet this Oath of discovery. all, we thinke, except one or two, refused, perceiving that thereby the designe of a second Century was to be promoted; for they finding no accusation or crime objected against any of us, wherewith to colour their ugly purpoles, which they had already plotted in private against us, and yet their Covenant muß be for Reformation, they resolved to shrive us with an Awicular Confession sanctified to the Cause, that so we might help them out with their malice, which was otherwise like to be borne blind, though hitherto it hath been Eagle-eyed over our most veniall slips; And forthwith upon refulall of this Oath was their Solemne

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We cannot but fignifie by the way, that feeing it must be rendered to the university, as their printed instructions told us, we hoped it should have beene to the whole body Statuteablie affembled, either to admit of, or otherwise humblie to shew reasons of deniall; but they were wise enough to foresee what entertainment such stuffe was like to find from all the learned Men of fo. famous an Universitie, and were not willing it should be blasted with their Universall refusall. And therefore contrary to our hopes, a felected number of particular men are culled out, partly as the lot fell, for it much resembled a lottery, but cheifly of fuch whom they most redoubted, & of whom by some pertie information, they had received a black Character of Loyaltie termed 'Malignancy, and to thefe, yet feverally was tendered the Oath of discovery, and after that the Covenant.

And though indeed we should, by Gods help, as often have retufed it, as it should have bin offered yet after one fingle deniall, without a second tender, Contrary to the EleaventhArticle of the Instructions, a warrant was straightway issued forth under the Earl of Manchesters hand and seal for our Ejection and Banishment from the universitie of cambridge for refusing to take the Solemne League and Covenant, and other Misdemenors in the said univerfitie. which were furely no other then the deniall of the Oath of discovery, for not one of us who were there present had any one acculation brought much leffe proved against him. when we appeared upon their Summons. And without any delay our names are cut out of the Colledge Tables, and we firittly commanded in three dayes space to quit the universitie and Towne under paine of Imprisonment and Plunder, if any thing was left.

And it is here not to be passed by, that whereas by the laws of the Land we were ever reputed to have as good an interest in our leveral fellowships during life, as any of our fellow Subjects in his fee Simple, provided we carried our felves according to those Statutes by which our severall Colledges were respectively to be governed, yet now we are utterly deprived of them by the meer Arbitrary power of one of our fellow Subjects without transgressing of any one Statute, or being called to answer for any pretended offence whatsoever. Nay, so little was Propriety valued,

*M. Alb, and them, might expunge, eject, and banish M. Good.

M. Good. whom they pleased, especially such as would not facrifice their Loyaltie and Consciences

to the nerves and cement of this Rebellion, called the Covemant. For inftance, when a Warrant for Ejection of certain Fellows of Saint Johns Colledge was iffued out under hand and scale, and their names expressly mentioned in it, yet M. Alb knowes very well who it was that expunged M. Hemmans name, and put in M. Botelers, without so much as writing the Warrant over againe.

And now (feeing what courses were taken) it will not feeme strange to the Reader, to heare that no less than 29. Fellows, (together with the Master) have been thrust out of the said Colledge, the emoluments of whose places have been ever since swallowed up by not halfe the sum-

ber, and not content with that neither. And in Queenes another they have made a through Reformation, Colledge. Root and Branch, leaving neither Fellow nor

Scholar. In others indeed they have left perhaps one or two, (or more as they fee good) like Gibeonites, to hew wood and draw water, till fuch time as they have discovered unto them all the mysteries concerning their Colledge Revenues, and by that time they will finde enow godly men of their owne Tribe, learned enough to pocket the profits of two Fellowships apiece, which is the end of all this blessed Reformation. Thus is their old pretence of Regulation vanished, in place whereof their true intention of a totall Extirpation of the whole ancient Body

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of the Univelity doth now fo plainly appeare, that they which runne may read it; which though a great many would not believe, till by woefull experience they found it, yet was it conspicuous enough from the very beginning to any that was but tollerably provident in matters of this no-

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For it was hardly possible that cambridge should be free from these two crying finnes of Sacriledge and Rekellion, which the devill hath long endeavoured to make this whole Kingdome guilty of; and to that end (mif-calling them by the names of Religion and Liberty) had masked under the counterfeit vizard of a Covenant for Reformation : By which means though the simplicity of the vulgar was much abused, to the extreame hazard of this once flourishing Church and State; yet feeing it could not be able to endure the strict search, which in such an Universitie of all forts of learned and conscientious men it was not like to escape; it could not be otherwise expected, but that those who were his instruments herein, would lay a fure foundation, and (how moderate foever their pretences were) ruft Ireforme Root and Branch, as they ealled it, that seeing they could not make the University of Cambridge to rebell by taking their Covenant, they might at least make a rebellidin ous University at Cambridge which should take it.

And to this end those new intruders which falfly call themselves Masters and Fellowes of our severall Colledges. instead of those solemne Oaths which our pious and prudent Founders and Legislators enjoyned to be taken, (and without taking of which, no man can pretend any right to any of their foundations onely take their Covenant againe, and make a Protestation to reforme all our wholsome Laws

and Statutes according to that Covenant.

A Covenant with hell, begot betweene Munster and Mecha, by the help of a Jesuite, the most impious and unchristian confederacie that their grand master the devill could contrive; the cheife end whereof is to dethrone the

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Lords anounted, and throw down the Church and Apostolicall government thereof, and to force not only their fellow-Subjects to contradict their Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacie, but even their most gracious Soveraigne to perjurie, in violating that his facred Oath which hee folemnly made at his Coronation. And to compleat that their most horrid and heinous fin, to joyne in Armes with a forraigne Nation, to lay desolate their owne native Country, to stain this Earth with the Blood of their own Country-Men and fellow-Subjects, and to expose the treasures of England, the Cream of these fruitfull vallies, to the Empty and hungry maw of a Rebellious Scot : and then yow never to have peace, but what shall be written in the bloud of their Enemies (His maiefty and his Loyall Subsects) and lastly, most cruelly and wickedly to exhort and folicite all Protestants in the Christian world to undertake the like course with them by rising in Rebellious Armes; thereby exposing the throats and lives of all our Brethren the Protestants in France and elsewhere to the Just icalousy of their severall princes. And yet (for sooth) this covenant is made the foundation of the great worke of their glorious Reformation, and under pretence of refufing this we must be banisht, and thrust out of all we have.

It will not be more then what upon tryall will be found true, if we here mention a mysterie which many (we conceive) will not a little wonder at, viz. That this Covenant, for which all this persecution hath been, confisted of 6. Articles, and those Articles of 666, words. This is not the first time that persecution hath risen in England upon 6.

* See M. Fox, Act. and Mon. Vol. 2. p. 443. Edit. London. 1631. Articles, (witnesse those in the raigne of King Hen. the 8:*) But as for the namber of the beaft, to answer directly to the words of those fix Articles, it is a thing, which (considering Gods blessed providence in every particular thing) hath

made many of us and others seriously and often to restect upon it; though we were never so superstitiously Caballifficall as to ascribe much to numbers. This discovery (we confesse) was not made by any of us, but by a very judicious and worthy Divine, formerly of our University, and then a Prisoner (for his Conscience) within M. Geass.

the precinets of it, and not yet restored to his liberty, but removed to London. And therefore we shall forbeare to infist any farther, either upon it, or the occasi-

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For our owne particulars we shall only adde thus much, that seeing some of our owne Reasons with which we had armed our felves against that Mysterie of Iniquity have fince that time been published to the world (in such humilicie of phrase as well became Christian sufferers though in fuch diffraction as may fufficiently testifie who were the Authors and what their Condition) we appeale to any who with ludgment and moderation hath or shal read the same; whether we have causlesly and foolishly trifled away those faire advantages wherewith God by the meanes of our renowned Benefactors had endowed us, for the advancement of his Glory, and further propagation of learning and true Religion; or whether we had not rather fuffer'd an unjust deprivall of all our livelyhoods under the mercileffe hands of cruell Tyrants, who neither feare God nor refped the just scruples of tender Consciences.

For when a Member of our Vniversitie was M. Maldero.

brought upon this occasion before the E. of

Manchester, and being not fatisfied in conscience, desired his Lop that his Chaplaine (then present) might resolve him in some Scruples about it; to this motion (being then thought not unreasonable to his Lop, and much pressed by some that were there present) his Reverend Chaplain learnedly replyed before the whole Company, that be came not thither to resolve Mens consciences, but to preach to his Lop. Whereupon the Gentleman was not long after sent up

up prisoner to London by the faid Earle for tendring the Reasons of his refusing the Covenant, though invited and required thereunto by his Lordship: And there without farther hearing committed to prison, where he continued a long time ar excessive charges, which is all the fatisfaction he could finde (or any other can expect) from them, for the

scruples of a render conscience.

Thus are we imprisoned or banished for our consciences, being not fo much as accused of any thing else, sonly suspen Red of Loyaltie to our King, and Fidelity to our Mother the Church of England; and not onely fo, but quite ftript of all our livelyhood, and exposed to beggery, having nothing left us to sustaine the necessities of nature, and many of us no friends to goe to, but destitute and forlorne, not knowing whither to bend one ftep when we fet footing out of Cambridge, having one onely companion, which will make us rejoyce in our utmost afflictions, viz A cleare Conscience in a righteous cause: Humbly submitting four felves to the chastisement of the Almighty, who after he hath tryed us, will at laft cast his rods into the fire.

As for us, God forbid that we should take up any rayling or curfing, who are commanded onely to bleffe: we are fo far from that, that we have rather chosen to let the names of our greatest persecutors rot in our ruines, then so much as mention them with our pen, fave onely where necessity

compelled us unto it-

But though we spare their names, we hope we may without offence to any describe their qualities: And therefore if Pofterity shall ask, Who thrust out one of the eyes of this Kingdome? Who made Eloquence dumbe, Phylosophie fortish, widdowed the Arts, and drove the Muses from their ancient habitation? Who pluckt the Reverend and Orthodox Professors out of their Chaires, and filenced them in prison or their graves? Who turned Religion into Rebellion, and changed the Apostolicall Chaire into a Deske for Blasphemy, and tore the garland from off the head of Lear-

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Learning, to place it on the dull browes of difloyall Ignorance ? If they shall aske, who made those Ancient and beautifull Chappells, the sweet remembrancers and Monuments of our fore-father charitie, and kind fomenters of their childrens devotion, to become ruinous heaps of dust and frones? or who unhived those numerous swarms of labouring Bees, which used to drop honey-dews over all this Kingdome, to place in their roomes swarmes of senslesse Drones ? Tis quickly answered, Those the were, who endeavouring to thare three Crownes, and put them in their owne pockets, have transformed this free Kingdome into a large Gaole, to keep the Liberty of the Subject : They who maintaine 100000, robbers and murtherers by fea and land. to protect our lives, and the propriety of our goods: That have gone a King-catching these fix yeeres, bunting their most gracious Soveraigne like a Partridge on the mountaines in his owne defence; They who have possest themselves of His Majesties Townes, Navie, and Magazines, and robbed him of all his revenues, to make him a glorious King: Who have multiplyed Oathes, Protestarions, vows, Leagues and Covenants for the ease of tender consciences: Filling all Pulpits with jugglets for the Cause, canting Sedition, Atheisme, and Rebellion, to root out Popery and Babylon, and settle the Kingdome of Christ: who from a trembling guilt of a legalltryall have engaged three flourishing Kingdomes, and left them weltring in their owne bloud; They (lastly) which when they had glutted themselves with spoyle and rapine, hissed for a forraigne viper to come and care up the bowels of their deare mother: The very fame have flopt the mouth of all Learning, (following herein the example of their elder brother the Turke) left any should be wifer then themselves or Pofterity know what a world of wickednesse they have committed.

And now feeing they are not content to deprive us of our estates, but (which is much more grievous unto us) have

21 fo robbed us of our good names, branding all of us in our Severall writs of Ejectment with a black Character of misdemeaners in generall (and yet not any one particular was alledged against any one of us, which were then there, much leffe offered to be proved by any one fingle wirneffe, although especiall care was taken by an Ordinance for appointing a Committee to fit at Cambridge for that purpose) we challenge and conjure them as they will one day anfwer for this flander and oppression, that they declare and prove what those Mildemeaners are; which if they doe, the shame and guilt will be ours ; if not (as we are confident they cannot) we must appeale herein from these unjust Judges to the impartial! Tribunall of the righteous Judge of Heaven and Earth, who knowes our integritie, and to whom we submit our selves and cause. Humblie befeeching him not to lay this Sinne to their charge. For though for our many finnes against him we may justly receive at his hands, heavier Judgments then thefe: yet our Innocence will plead Not Guiltie, to the face of any man who shall obiect against us any Civill misdemeanors, whereby we can more justly be deprived of our Fellow. ships then any free Subject in England of his fee Simple, tif they please to say he is guilty of Mis demea-2075.

And as it hath pleased our gracious Master (whose Ministers we are) to make us examples (though but of suffering) to the rest of our Brethren: So we hope he will continue unto us his grace of humiliation under his mightie hand, as an carnest of his exalting us in due time: And the interim, that he will lay no more upon us, then he shall be pleased to strengthen our infirmities to beare: And that he will still preserve unto us a good conscience, that mbereas our persecutors speake evill of us as of evill doers, they may be alhamed that falsy accuse our good conversation in

Christ.

A Catalogue of fuch Heads and Fellowes of Colledges, and other Learned, Reverend, and Religious Gentlemen, of the famous Univerfity of Cambridge, as have been Ejected, Plundred, Imprisoned, or Banished thence, for their constancie in the Protestant Religion established by Law, and Loyalty to their Soveraigne.

Trinity Colledge.

D. combar, Mafter, and Dean of Carlile, ejected, and M. Hill put in his place, now Doctor, and Vice-chancellour. D. Row, Doctor in Divin.

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I could not learne certainly how many of these were

Bachelors in Divinity.

Mafter Leech. 2 These three were Conducts for the

Master Leech.

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Chappel, and all the rest Fellowes.

Saint Fohns Colledge.

D. Beale, Master, ejected, who was some yeeres in prison, and exchanged, and master Arrowsmith put into his place.

Master Thornton.

Bodurda.

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Potter, fince dead.

Rogers.

Wrench.

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All these and the former were Bachelors in Div.
Master Cleveland.

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Spooner.

Bullock.

Otwey.

Jones.

Barwick junior.

Morgan.

Neale.

Hatton.

Watts.

Drake.

All these masters in Arts.

Kings

Kings Colledge.

D. collins Professor in Divinity, and Provoft, long imprisoned ejected, and mafter VVbit (cot put into his place.

Master Edmonds. Mafen. Barlow. Franklin. Anftey. M. in Arts.

Queens Colledge.

D. Martin , Doctor in | Divinity , in prison, above thefe 4. yeeres, and mafter Palmer put into his place.

D.cox, D.in Law. D. Capel, D.in Div. D. Bardfey, D.in Div. Master Chandler.

Marley. VVicherley. Coldham. Kemp.

Mafter Bryan. Sparrow. Hills. These Bachelors in Di.

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Christs Colledge.

D. Bambrigg, Master, who | was not ejected, but dyed, and mafter Bolton chosen into his place.

Master Power, Bachelor in Divinity, and the Lady Margarets Preacher, ejected.

M. Narton.

M. Brearly. Bambrigg. VVildnet. Tonstall. Potts. fince dead. Huntley.

Mathews. All Mafters in Arts.

Jesus Colledge.

D. Sterne, D.in Divimity, who hath been in prison above 4. yeeres, and mafter Young put into his place.

M. Hall, prifoner above 3. yeeres in the Compter in Southwarke.

mafter Anfcell. clerkefon.

Buffey. Bachelors in Divinity. I mafter Blakeftox, Rebinfon, Beale. Taylor. Hanfon, Lincolne, Greene. Mafan. Short. Walker. These masters in Arts.

Saint Peters Colledge.

D. cofins, D, in Divinity, 1 ejected, and now gone beyond fea, and mafter Seaman put into his Elw VVilsford. place.

M. Tolley. Asaach Barrow of 1.34. Maxwell,

VVilfon, Terringham, Pennyman,

Gos Beaument. Bancks, Rich Crafbaw;

Sr Blackefton, M. Collet,

Archer, Gowyn,

Gaad Bargrave, Symfafe.

Holder,

I could not learne how many of these were Bachelors in Divinity.

Emanuel

Emanuel Colledge.

D. Holdfworth, Doctor in Divinity, Mafter, and long. imprisoned, and ejected, and maker Tuckney put into his place.

M. Soresby, Bachelor in Divinity, ejected.

Pembroke Hall.

D. Laney, Doctor in Divinity, mafter,ejected, & is now gone beyond fea. and mafter Vises put into his place.

M. Vaugban. Map le toft. Franke.

Bachelors in Divinity.

M. Poley. Randall, VV eeden. Albton, Heath, Lenthall.

Depden.

Duarles. Cacot, Hamond, Keene fenior.

Felton, who was ejeded for refuling the Covenant five dayes before he was asked the question whether he would take it or no, as the Warrant for his Eicement theweth.

Keene Junior. May. Thefe mafters in Arrs. Bonenhama: tanguam focius.

Magdalen Colledge.

D.Rainbow, Doctor in Di- 1 M. Howorth . vinity, mafter, who continueth fill not ejected. Ejected , Doctor Greene, Doctor of the Civill Law.

Pullen, Erskin, Leech. Bachelors in Divinity, Butler, ma: in Arts.

Gunvile and Cains Colledge.

D.Bacbcraft , Doctor in Divinity, Master, who was not ejected, but continueth there still: Eiefted mafter Loveland, Salter. London.

Buxten.

Pickarell.

Colebrand. Watfon.

Halliburton, All mafters in Arts, and all sequestred.

M. Scarborough, fince commenced Doctor of Phyfick at Oxford.

Clare-Hall.

D. Paske, D.in Divinity, Master andejected, and master Cudworth put into his place.

M. Oley, Carter , Bachelors in Divinity.

Mr. Gunning. Fabian. Hickman. Bing, Havers, mafters in Arts.

Sidney, Suffex Colledge.

D. ward, D. in Divinity, and Professor, Master, who was long imprifoned here, & afterwards dyed, and D. Minshall chosen into his place.

Ejected, mafter Bartu, Law fon, who dyed afterwards. ward.

Gib[en, MPawfon, Ma: in Arts.

Trinity-Hall.

D. Eden, Doctor in Law, Master, not ejected, but is dead, and D. Bond is chosen into his place, & none of all that Colledge were ejected.

Katherine Hall.

D. Brownrigg, Doctor in Divinity, and Bishop of Exeter, master, and ejected, and master Sparstow put into his place, and none of that Colledge ejected besides.

Corpus Christi, alias Bennet Colledge.

D. Love, D. in divinity, mafter, who was not ejecteds but continueth there still.

master Tunstall, Bachelor in divinity, Palgrave, Bachelor in divinity, Briggs, cjected. Bee 180. 4. 1.

So I returned, and considered all the oppreffions that are done under the Sunne; and behold the teares of such as were opprefsed, and they had no comforter: and on the side of their oppressours there was power, but they had no comforter.

ECCLES. 5. 8.

If thou feelt the oppression of the poore, and windens perverting of judgement and justice in a province, marvell not at the matter: for he that is higher then the highest, regardeth; and there be higher then they.

ACT. 13. 50.

But the Jewes stirred up the devout and bonourable women, and the chiefe men of the City, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

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